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In re the application of:

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MULTIPLE DEVICES COMMUNICATION-  
CONNECTED IN MASTER-SLAVE  
RELATION



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Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and to acknowledge such consideration by initialing the attached PTO Form 1449 at the appropriate locations.

The information listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 was cited in a communication in a counterpart European application. For the Examiner's use and information, a copy of the pertinent portion of the Supplementary European Search Report (ESR) in the corresponding European application is attached (please note that US 2001/048534 and US 2002/021902 listed in the ESR are already of record).

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed before the first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fees are due in connection with the filing of this IDS. In the event fees are due to effect consideration of the listed references, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0805 (Order No. NGBCP007).

Respectfully submitted,  
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